IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A process for producing of a silicone compound represented by the following formulas (a) and/or (a'),

comprising reacting a carboxylic acid represented by the following formula (a2)

to an epoxy silane represented by the following formula (a1)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^2 & O & R^4 \\
R^3 & X - A
\end{array}$$
(a1)

and

obtaining a metal salt of the carboxylic acid represented by the general formula (a2), wherein the reaction is carried out in presence of 0.30.8wt% or more water in said reaction system, wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R¹ denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having a polymerizable group, R² to R⁴ respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substituent with 1 to 20 carbons, or -X-A, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

- 2. (Previously Presented) A process for producing of a silicone compound, wherein the silicone compound obtained according to Claim 1 is purified by a silica gel column or an alumina column.
- 3. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 1, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} A^{3} \\ O - Si \\ A^{2} \end{pmatrix} - A^{9} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{1} \\ A^{2} \\ A^{2} \end{pmatrix} - Si - A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{7} \\ O - Si \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} - A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{6} \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix} = A^{10}$$

wherein, A¹ to A¹¹ respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20,

and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.

- 4. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound according to Claim 3, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trimethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.
- 5. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound in which a content of a compound represented by the following general formula (y) is 0.4% or more and 3% or less,

and the purity of the silicone compound represented by the following general formulas (a) and/or (a') is 87% or more,

wherein A denotes a siloxanyl group, R¹ denotes a substituent with 1 to 20 carbons having polymerizable group, R² to R⁴ respectively and independently denote hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted substitutent with 1 to 20 carbons, or -X-A, and X denotes a substituted or unsubstituted divalent substituent with 1 to 20 carbons.

6. (Withdrawn) A silicone compound obtained by the process according to Claim 2, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} A^{3} \\ O - Si \\ A^{4} \end{pmatrix} - A^{9} \\ \begin{pmatrix} Si \\ A^{2} \end{pmatrix} - O \end{pmatrix}_{n} - Si - \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ A^{4} \end{pmatrix}_{a} + \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ O - Si \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix}_{b} - A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} O - Si \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ A^{8}$$

wherein, A^{1} to A^{11} respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.

7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} A^{3} \\ O-Si \\ A^{4} \end{pmatrix} - A^{9} \\ \begin{pmatrix} Si \\ A^{2} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} Si \\ A^{7} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ O-Si \\ A^{7} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} A^{5} \\ O-Si \\ A^{6} \end{pmatrix}_{b} A^{10} \\ \begin{pmatrix} O-Si \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} - A^{11} \\ \begin{pmatrix} A^{8} \\ O-Si \\ A^{8} \end{pmatrix}_{c} & (b) \end{array}$$

wherein, A^1 to A^{11} respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and n = a = b = c = 0 is not included.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7, wherein the siloxanyl group A is selected from the group consisting of tris(trimethylsiloxy)silyl group, bis(trimethylsiloxy)methylsilyl group and trimethylsiloxydimethylsilyl group.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the silicone compound comprises a content of a compound represented by the following general formula (y) in the amount of 0.4% or more and 3% or less,

and a purity of the silicone compound is 87% or more.

10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 2, wherein the siloxanyl group A is an atomic group represented by the following formula (b),

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{pmatrix}
A^{1} \\
O - Si \\
 & A^{2}
\end{pmatrix} - A^{9} \\
\begin{vmatrix}
A^{1} \\
A^{2}
\end{vmatrix} - A^{1} \\
\begin{vmatrix}
A^{7} \\
O - Si \\
A^{6}
\end{vmatrix} - A^{10} \\
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\end{pmatrix}$$

wherein, A¹ to A¹¹ respectively and independently denote any one of hydrogen, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl goup with 1 to 20 carbon atoms and a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group with 6 to 20 carbons, n denotes an integer of 0 to 200, a, b and c denote respectively and independently an integer of 0 to 20, and n=a=b=c=0 is not included.